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In re application of

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Naoto MURAO, et al.

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Examiner: MORGAN, Eileen P.

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For: MAGNETIC HEAD CLEANING METHOD

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 5, 2005, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 11 are all the claims pending in the application.

Claims 1-11 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over Miyoshi et al in view of the newly cited U.S. Patent 6,057,021 to Ishikawa et al.

Applicants submit that Miyoshi et al and Ishikawa et al do not disclose or suggest the subject matter of claims 1 to 11 and, accordingly, request withdrawal of this rejection.

The Examiner states that Miyoshi et al do not disclose a head having trenches, but relies on Ishikawa et al for such a teaching.